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ABSTRACT

This report presents information on student charges in the North Dakota University System (NDUS) in comparison with charges in nearby states. Tuition and fee information is based on survey data collected by the Washington State Higher Education Coordinating Board. Average resident undergraduate tuition and fees for the regional states are 16 to 29% more than the average tuition and fees of their counterparts at all NDUS institutions except the 2-year campuses. The average North Dakota 2-year campus rate is about 6% more than the regional average for 2002-2003. Tuition and fees, as a percentage of median North Dakota household income, are comparable to the regional average. Total resident undergraduate charges, including tuition, fees, room, and board for the regional states are 8.4% more than those for the University of North Dakota and North Dakota State University, and 31.6% more than Minot State University. Such charges are 24.7% more than charges at Dickinson State University, Mayville State University, and Valley City State University. Survey data for room and board charges were not available for the 2-year campuses. (SLD)

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OVERVIEW OF REPORT

The 2002-2003 Student Charges Report suggests the following:

- Average resident undergraduate tuition and fees for the regional states are 16-29% more than the average tuition and fees of their counterparts at all NDUS institutions, except the 2-year campuses. The average ND 2-year campus rate is $129 or 6.0% more than the regional average in 2002-03. (See pages 4, 6, 8 and 10.)

- Tuition and fees, as a percentage of median North Dakota household income, are comparable to the regional average. (See pages 5, 7, 9 and 11.)

- The total resident undergraduate charges including tuition, fees, room and board for the regional states are 8.4% more than UND/NDSU; 31.6% more than MiSU; and 24.7% more than DSU, MaSU and VCSUs. Survey data for room and board charges was not available for the 2-year campuses. (See page 23.)

METHODOLOGY

Tuition and fee information, used in this report, is based upon survey data collected by the Washington State Higher Education Coordinating Board. Washington State publishes a tuition and fee report each year that provides average tuition and fee rate information by state and type of institution. The Washington State report serves as the primary resource document for comparative tuition and fee studies published in North Dakota. The report presents excellent comparative data for public colleges and universities in three categories:

1. Doctoral level universities - the main university campus in each state ("university of") [UND & NDSU];
2. Colleges and State Universities - comprehensive [MiSU] and general baccalaureate institutions [DSU, MaSU & VCSU]; and
3. Community Colleges - two-year campuses [BSC, LRSC, WSC, NDSCS & MiSU-BC].

The same regional states and peer institutions that were used in the March 2002 Report of the State Board of Higher Education's Committee on Employee Compensation are used in this report. Each state in the region does not have comparable peer institutions in each of the four categories. For these states, the tables indicate "no comparatives" available. A complete list of states and institutions included in the tuition and fee analysis are included in Appendix A.

States in the region included in the report for comparative purposes are:

Colorado	Missouri	South Dakota
Iowa	Montana	Wisconsin
Kansas	Nebraska	Wyoming
Minnesota	Oklahoma	

For reporting comparability, 45 quarter hours or 30 semester hours are used as the basis for full-time undergraduate students. Full-time graduate students are based on 30 quarter hours or 20 semester hours.

Tuition and required student fees are combined for reporting purposes. This is done to ensure comparability, since many states charge little or no tuition, but instead assess relatively high fees. Combining both tuition and fee charges for comparative purposes eliminates this difference.

Tuition rates charged to students in North Dakota are approximately the same within each of the four categories, with a few exceptions. All of the campuses (except Bismarck State College and Williston State College) charge per credit hour, up to 12 credits per semester. BSC charges the per credit hour rate for all credit hours except the 14th and 15th credits, which are at no charge. WSC charges the per credit hour rate for all credit hours except the 14th, 15th and 16th credits, which are at no charge. However, the average full-time student at BSC and WSC doesn't pay significantly more or less than the other three two-year campuses. **Fee** charges vary from campus to campus, and fees for this purpose only includes those fees that are assessed to all students. It does not include such fees as program and course fees that are assessed to a portion of the student body. The Board approves tuition rates in the Spring of each year for the upcoming academic year.

Regional room and board charges were taken from the *Student Costs at Public Institutions, Academic Year 2002-2003 Regional Survey Report*, published by the South Dakota Board of Regents. Rates for a double occupancy room and a weekly meal plan of 14-15 meals per week are combined for comparing total room and board charges.

REPORT FINDINGS

RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE TUITION AND FEES

Doctoral Universities

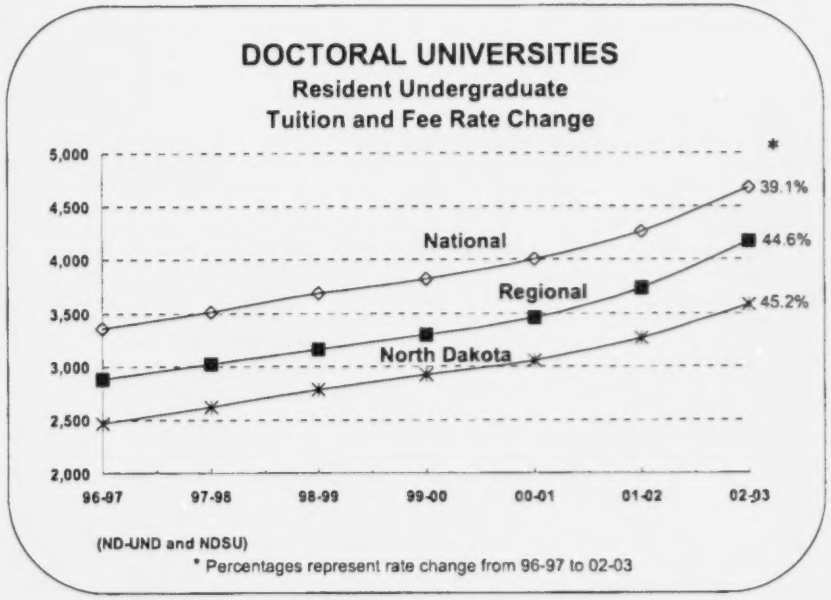
Tuition and fee rate increases in North Dakota during 2002-2003 were below the average rate increases experienced at the regional level. While North Dakota experienced tuition and fee rate increases of $317 (9.7%), the average rate increase for the region was $436 (11.7%), and for the nation was $416 (9.8%).

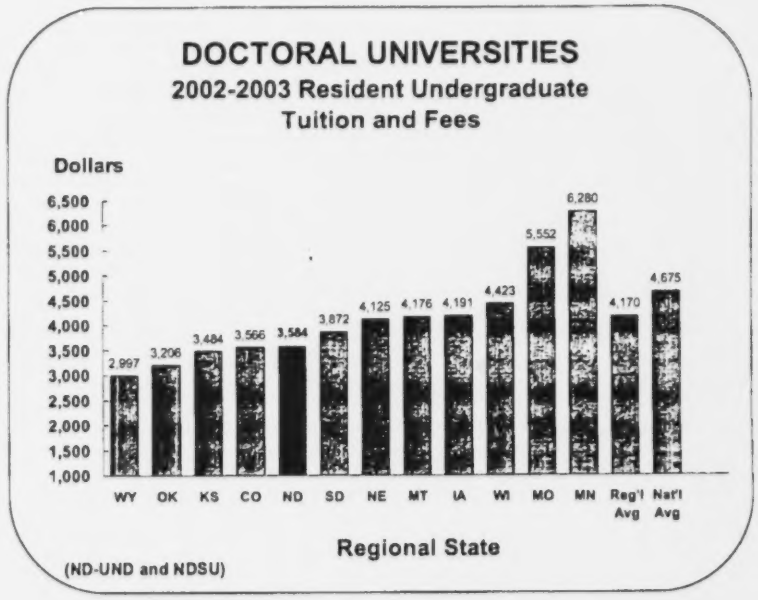
North Dakota rates increased 9.7%, compared to a wide range of increases within the region (6.2% - 20.8%).

	Incr (Decr) from 2001-02 to 2002-03	
STATE	**Amount**	**Percent**
NORTH DAKOTA	317	9.7%
Colorado	209	6.2%
Iowa	669	19.0%
Kansas	600	20.8%
Minnesota	742	13.4%
Missouri	665	13.6%
Montana	528	14.5%
Nebraska	380	10.1%
Oklahoma	243	8.2%
South Dakota	230	6.3%
Wisconsin	337	8.2%
Wyoming	190	6.8%
Regional Average	**436**	**11.7%**
National Average	**416**	**9.8%**

Even though North Dakota tuition and fees have increased 45.2% over the past seven years compared to a regional increase of 44.6% over the same time period, the regional average 2002-2003 tuition and fees of $4,170 are still $586 or 16.4% more than the rate of $3,584 at UND and NDSU for doctoral universities. This gap has grown 2% since 2001-02, which is the result of the 9.7% increase in tuition and fees at UND and NDSU, compared to the average regional increase of 11.7% from 2001-02 to 2002-03.

North Dakota is ranked #34 nationally. The national average tuition and fee charges for 2002-2003 are $4,675 per year, or $1,091 (30.4%) more than North Dakota's average tuition and fees of $3,584 for similar types of institutions.





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2002-03 TUITION AND REQUIRED FEES
RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE

Doctoral Universities

	1996-97		1997-98		1998-99		1999-00		2000-01		2001-02		2002-03	7 year change	1/ 2002-03 Rate as a % of Median Income of Households
NORTH DAKOTA	$2,469		$2,621		$2,780		$2,921		$3,049		$3,267		$3,584	45.2%	10.0%
+(-) prev yr-$		$152		$159		$141		$128		$218		$317			
+(-) prev yr-%		6.2%		6.1%		5.1%		4.4%		7.1%		9.7%			
Colorado	2,840		2,939		3,038		3,118		3,188		3,357		3,566	25.6%	7.2%
Iowa	2,646		2,760		2,868		2,998		3,204		3,522		4,191	58.4%	10.2%
Kansas	2,310		2,385		2,470		2,518		2,725		2,884		3,484	50.8%	8.4%
Minnesota	4,453		4,473		4,602		4,649		4,877		5,538		6,280	41.0%	11.9%
Missouri	4,121		4,280		4,439		4,581		4,726		4,887		5,552	34.7%	13.4%
Montana	2,532		2,727		2,880		3,075		3,178		3,648		4,176	64.9%	13.0%
Nebraska	2,638		2,829		3,083		3,278		3,465		3,745		4,125	56.4%	9.5%
Oklahoma	2,278		2,403		2,633		2,686		2,861		2,963		3,206	40.7%	9.0%
South Dakota	2,727		2,824		3,015		3,243		3,448		3,642		3,872	42.0%	9.8%
Wisconsin	3,030		3,240		3,405		3,735		3,788		4,086		4,423	46.0%	9.8%
Wyoming	2,144		2,326		2,330		2,416		2,575		2,807		2,997	39.8%	7.5%
Regional Average	2,884		3,017		3,160		3,300		3,458		3,734		4,170	44.6%	9.9%
+(-) prev yr-$		133		143		139		158		277		436			
+(-) prev yr-%		4.6%		4.8%		4.4%		4.8%		8.0%		11.7%			
National Average	3,360		3,517		3,689		3,809		4,002		4,259		4,675	39.1%	11.1%
+(-) prev yr-$		157		172		120		193		257		416			
+(-) prev yr-%		4.7%		4.9%		3.3%		5.1%		6.4%		9.8%			

1/ This column reflects tuition and fees as a % of median household income, which takes into account the income of multiple wage earner families, and is a reflection of a family's ability to pay.

Source: Washington State Higher Education Coordinating Board, 2002-03 Tuition and Fee Rates, A National Comparison.

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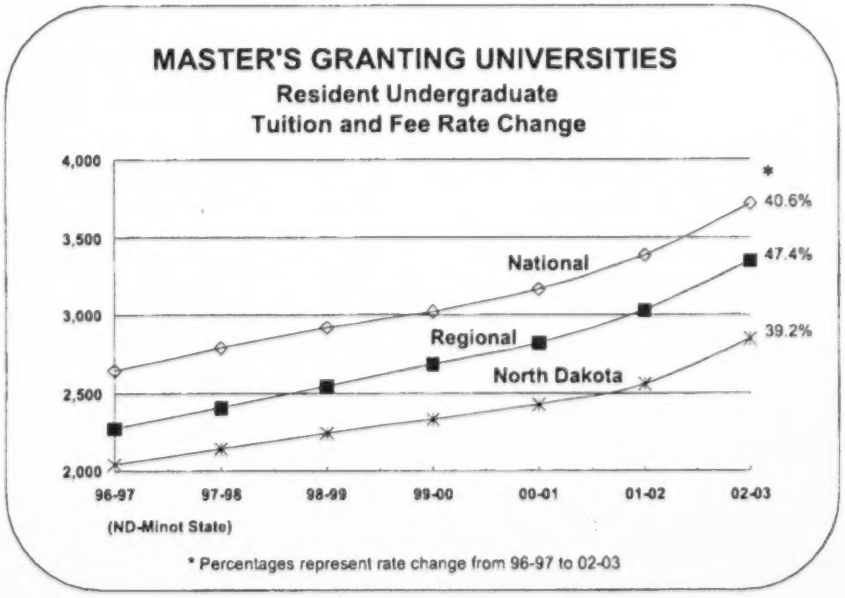
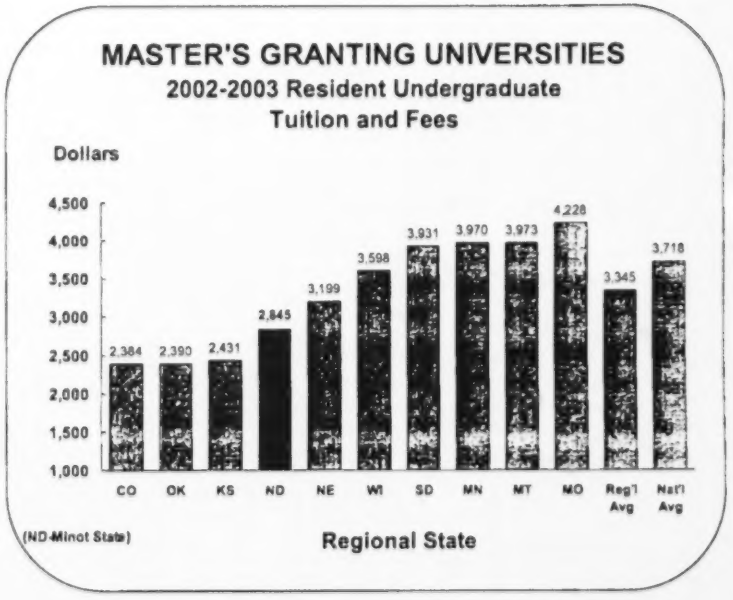
Master's-Granting Universities:

The tuition and fee rate at Minot State University in 2002-2003 is less than the average rate at similar types of institutions in the region. The regional average rate is $3,345 or $500 (17.6%) more than Minot State's rate during academic year 2002-2003. Tuition and fees at Minot State University have increased 39.2% during the last seven years, compared to the regional and national average increases of 47.4% and 40.6%, respectively.

Minot State University's tuition and fees of $2,845 are considerably less than the national average rate of $3,718. For academic year 2002-2003, the national average tuition and fee rate is $873 or 30.7% more than North Dakota's rate.





2002-03 TUITION AND REQUIRED FEES
RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE

aster's-Granting Univ.

	1996-97		1997-98		1998-99		1999-00		2000-01		2001-02		2002-03	7 year change	1/ 2002-03 Rate as a % of Median Income of Households
NORTH DAKOTA	$2,044		$2,139		$2,241		$2,331		$2,425		$2,554		$2,845	39.2%	7.9%
+(-) prev yr-$		$95		$102		$90		$94		$129		$291			
+(-) prev yr-%		4.6%		4.8%		4.0%		4.0%		5.3%		11.4%			
Colorado	1,939		1,961		2,056		2,092		2,186		2,278		2,384	22.9%	4.8%
Iowa							No Comparatives								
Kansas	1,903		2,004		2,063		2,103		2,220		2,278		2,431	27.7%	5.9%
Minnesota	2,674		2,754		2,931		3,076		3,238		3,561		3,970	48.5%	7.5%
Missouri	2,835		2,991		3,123		3,311		3,495		3,697		4,228	49.1%	10.2%
Montana	2,388		2,517		2,809		2,908		3,052		3,429		3,973	66.4%	12.4%
Nebraska	2,042		2,175		2,336		2,500		2,693		2,916		3,199	56.7%	7.3%
Oklahoma	1,641		1,845		1,845		1,953		1,994		2,178		2,390	45.6%	6.7%
South Dakota	2,520		2,698		2,920		3,153		3,403		3,629		3,931	56.0%	9.9%
Wisconsin	2,482		2,686		2,832		3,038		3,090		3,328		3,598	45.0%	7.9%
Wyoming							No Comparatives								
Regional Average	2,269		2,403		2,546		2,682		2,819		3,033		3,345	47.4%	8.0%
+(-) prev yr-$		134		143		135		137		214		312			
+(-) prev yr-%		5.9%		5.9%		5.3%		5.1%		7.6%		10.3%			
National Average 2/	2,645		2,786		2,917		3,025		3,164		3,379		3,718	40.6%	8.8%
+(-) prev yr-$		141		131		108		139		215		339			
+(-) prev yr-%		5.3%		4.7%		3.7%		4.6%		6.8%		10.0%			

1/ This column reflects tuition and fees as a % of median household income, which takes into account the income of multiple wage earner families, and is a reflection of a family's ability to pay.

2/ National average is combined average of master's-granting institutions and 4-year regional colleges.

Source: Washington State Higher Education Coordinating Board, 2002-03 Tuition and Fee Rates, A National Comparison.

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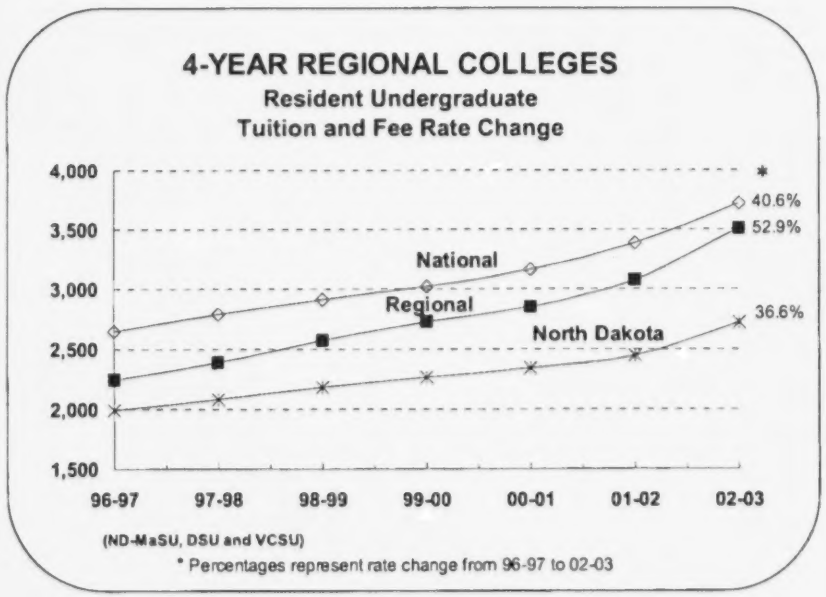
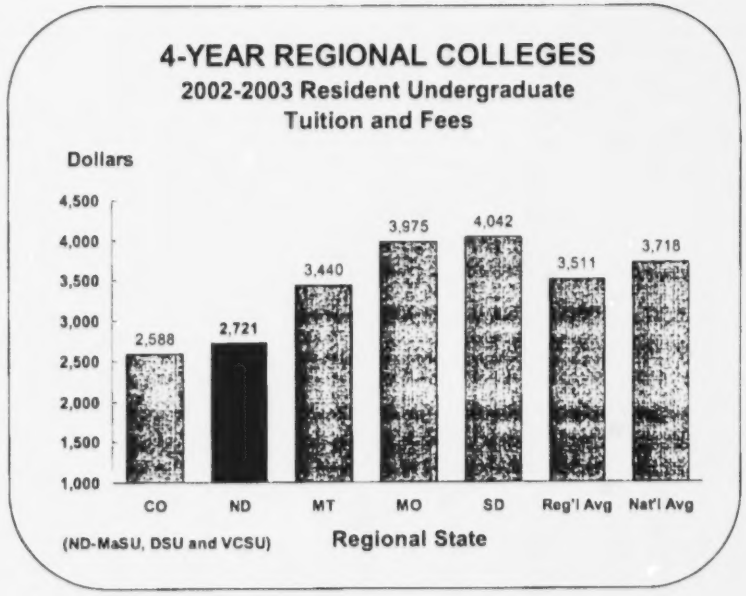
Four-Year Regional Colleges:

Average tuition and fees at the three regional colleges in North Dakota—Mayville, Dickinson, and Valley City State Universities—in 2002-2003 were $2,721, excluding notebook computer fees of $854 at MaSU and $902 at VCSU. The regional average of $3,511 is $790 or 29.0% higher than North Dakota's average tuition and fees in 2002-03.

Tuition and fee rates, at these three North Dakota campuses, have increased at a significantly slower rate over the last seven years than both the regional and national averages. Rates at the regional four-year colleges in North Dakota have increased 36.6% over the last seven years, while peer institution rates in the surrounding regional states have increased on the average of 52.9% and the national average has increased 40.6%. Accordingly, both regional and national average tuition and fee rates are considerably higher than North Dakota's average rate at the three regional colleges. The national average of $3,718 is $997 or 36.6% more than North Dakota's average tuition and fees of $2,721 in 2002-2003.





2002-03 TUITION AND REQUIRED FEES
RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE

4-Year Regional Colleges

	1996-97		1997-98		1998-99		1999-00		2000-01		2001-02		2002-03	7 year change	1/ 2002-03 Rate as a % of Median Income of Households
NORTH DAKOTA	$1,992		$2,084		$2,181		$2,265		$2,342		$2,442		$2,721	36.6%	7.6%
+(-) prev yr-$		$92		$97		$84		$77		$100		$279			
+(-) prev yr-%		4.6%		4.7%		3.9%		3.4%		4.3%		11.4%			
Colorado	2,017		2,117		2,151		2,231		2,275		2,489		2,588	28.3%	5.2%
Iowa							No Comparatives								
Kansas							No Comparatives								
Minnesota							No Comparatives								
Missouri	2,302		2,395		2,491		2,583		2,761		3,045		3,975	72.7%	9.6%
Montana	2,163		2,418		2,544		2,738		2,795		3,015		3,440	59.0%	10.7%
Nebraska							No Comparatives								
Oklahoma							No Comparatives								
South Dakota	2,705		2,838		3,095		3,364		3,567		3,774		4,042	49.4%	10.2%
Wisconsin							No Comparatives								
Wyoming							No Comparatives								
Regional Average	2,297		2,442		2,570		2,729		2,850		3,081		3,511	52.9%	8.4%
+(-) prev yr-$		145		128		159		121		231		431			
+(-) prev yr-%		6.3%		5.3%		6.2%		4.4%		8.1%		14.0%			
National Average 2/	2,645		2,786		2,917		3,025		3,164		3,379		3,718	40.6%	8.8%
+(-) prev yr-$		141		131		108		139		215		339			
+(-) prev yr-%		5.3%		4.7%		3.7%		4.6%		6.8%		10.0%			

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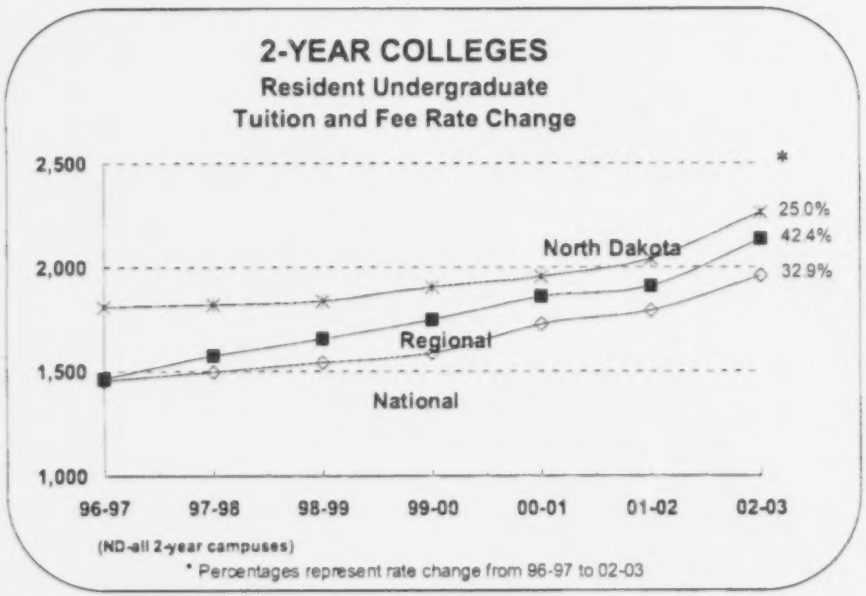
2/ National average is combined average of master's-granting institutions and 4-year regional colleges.

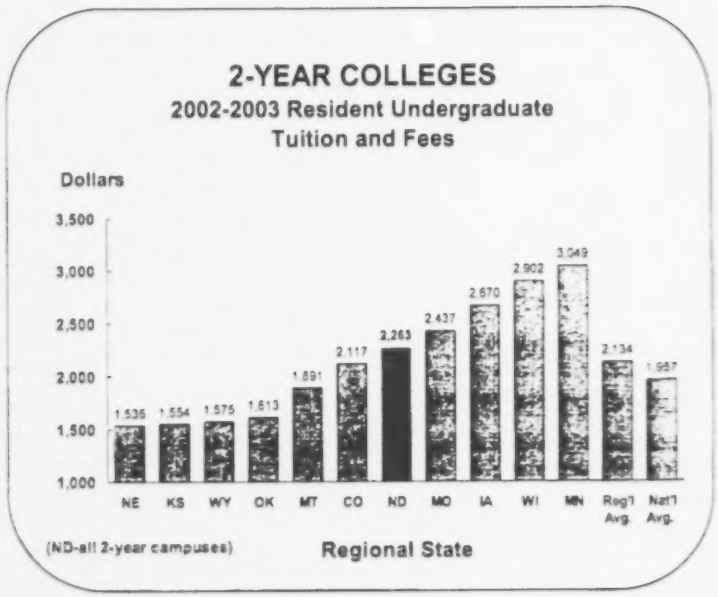
Source: Washington State Higher Education Coordinating Board, 2002-03 Tuition and Fee Rates, A National Comparison.

Two-Year Colleges:

Tuition and fee rates, at North Dakota's two-year colleges, continue to be higher than both the regional and national averages. North Dakota's average tuition and fees, at the two-year campuses, are roughly $129 or 6.0% more than the regional, and $306 or 15.6% more than the national average for two-year colleges during academic year 2002-2003. Only 4 other states in the region (Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri and Wisconsin), and 14 states in the nation charge resident undergraduate students a higher tuition and fee rate at their two-year campuses than does North Dakota.

The gap between the regional and national rates has narrowed significantly since 1994-95, due to the commitment of the Legislative Assembly and the State Board of Higher Education to bring North Dakota's rates closer into alignment with regional averages. In 1994-95, tuition and fee rates were almost 32% higher than regional and national averages, compared to the current differentials of 6.0% and 15.6% noted above. Tuition and fee rates in North Dakota have increased by 25.0% over the last seven years compared to increases in the regional and national averages of 42.4% and 32.9%, respectively.





2002-03 TUITION AND REQUIRED FEES
RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE

Two-Year Colleges

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	7 year change	1/ 2002-03 Rate as a % of Median Income of Households
NORTH DAKOTA	$1,811	$1,820	$1,840	$1,906	$1,954	$2,040	$2,263	25.0%	6.3%
+(-) prev yr-$		$9	$20	$66	$48	$86	$223		
+(-) prev yr-%		0.5%	1.1%	3.6%	2.5%	4.4%	10.9%		
Colorado	1,775	1,802	1,877	1,904	1,920	1,999	2,117	19.3%	4.3%
Iowa	1,808	1,950	2,052	2,112	2,187	2,422	2,670	47.7%	6.5%
Kansas	1,172	1,206	1,272	1,304	1,368	1,446	1,554	32.6%	3.8%
Minnesota	2,139	2,190	2,268	2,378	2,472	2,750	3,049	42.5%	5.8%
Missouri	1,251	1,292	1,378	1,404	2,129	2,214	2,437	94.8%	5.9%
Montana	1,435	1,423	1,529	1,802	1,944	1,818	1,891	31.8%	5.9%
Nebraska	1,187	1,233	1,315	1,357	1,415	1,480	1,536	29.4%	3.5%
Oklahoma	1,205	1,285	1,336	1,406	1,399	1,520	1,613	33.9%	4.5%
South Dakota				No comparatives					
Wisconsin	1,943	2,127	2,292	2,448	2,453	2,619	2,902	49.4%	6.4%
Wyoming	1,074	1,187	1,262	1,364	1,431	1,501	1,575	46.6%	4.0%
Regional Average	1,499	1,570	1,658	1,748	1,872	1,977	2,134	42.4%	5.1%
+(-) prev yr-$		71	89	90	124	105	158		
+(-) prev yr-%		4.7%	5.6%	5.4%	7.1%	5.6%	8.0%		
National Average	1,473	1,533	1,584	1,633	1,721	1,808	1,957	32.9%	4.6%
+(-) prev yr-$		60	51	49	88	87	149		
+(-) prev yr-%		4.1%	3.3%	3.1%	5.4%	5.1%	8.2%		

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Source: Washington State Higher Education Coordinating Board, 2002-03 Tuition and Fee Rates, A National Comparison.

RESIDENT GRADUATE TUITION AND FEES

2002-2003 tuition and fee rates charged to North Dakota residents for graduate programs at UND and NDSU are approximately 6% higher than the resident undergraduate rate. This is lower than the ratios that exist at the regional (8%) and national (11%) levels for doctoral universities. Within the region, the ratio of graduate charges to undergraduate charges ranges from a high of 1.55 in Wisconsin, where graduate students are charged 55% more than undergraduate students, to a low of .83 in Oklahoma, where graduate students are actually charged 17% less than undergraduate students. The data clearly indicates that there is no consistent policy concerning undergraduate versus graduate student charges within the region.

In contrast to the differences that exist at the doctoral universities, the 2002-2003 tuition and fee rate charged to North Dakota residents at its master's-granting university (MiSU) is approximately 27% higher than the resident undergraduate rate. This is substantially higher than the ratios that exist at the regional and national levels of 1% and 10%, respectively. Only one other state in the region, Wisconsin, has a higher graduate to undergraduate ratio.

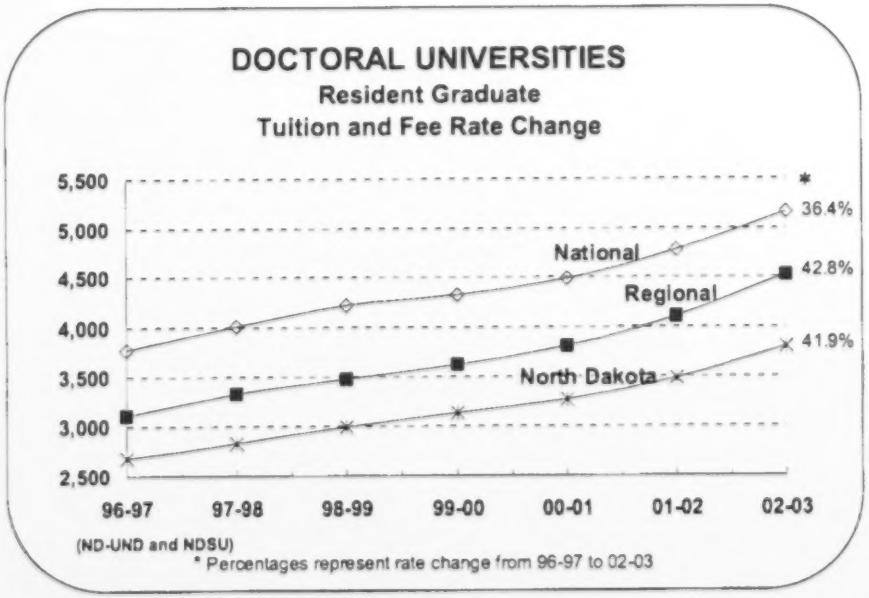
Comparison of 2002-2003 Tuition and Fees
Resident Undergraduate vs. Resident Graduate

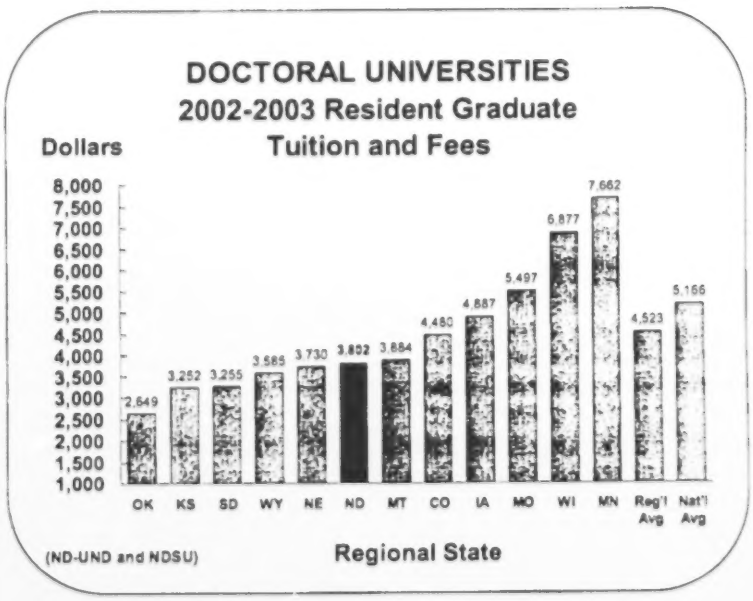
	Doctoral Universities			Master's-Granting Universities		
	Undergraduate	Graduate	02-03 Ratio	Undergraduate	Graduate	02-03 Ratio
Colorado	$3,566	$4,480	1.26	$2,384	$2,740	1.15
Iowa	4,191	4,887	1.17	No comparatives		
Kansas	3,484	3,252	0.93	2,431	2,546	1.05
Minnesota	6,280	7,662	1.22	3,970	3,935	0.99
Missouri	5,552	5,497	0.99	4,228	4,341	1.03
Montana	4,176	3,884	0.93	3,973	3,887	0.98
Nebraska	4,125	3,730	0.90	3,199	2,777	0.87
Oklahoma	3,206	2,649	0.83	2,390	1,967	0.82
South Dakota	3,872	3,255	0.84	3,931	3,294	0.84
Wisconsin	4,423	6,877	1.55	3,598	4,923	1.37
Wyoming	2,997	3,585	1.20	No comparatives		
NORTH DAKOTA	**3,584**	**3,802**	**1.06**	**2,845**	**3,615**	**1.27**
Regional Average	**4,170**	**4,523**	**1.08**	**3,345**	**3,379**	**1.01**
National Average	**4,675**	**5,166**	**1.11**	**3,718**	**4,074**	**1.10**

Doctoral Universities:

Resident tuition and fee charges for graduate programs at UND and NDSU are less than the average charge assessed at similar types of institutions in the region. The regional average rate is $4,523 or $721 (19.0%) more than the $3,802 rate at UND and NDSU.

The average rate charged at UND and NDSU for graduate programs is substantially lower than the national average rate. For academic year 2002-03, the national average tuition and fee rate is $5,166 or $1,364 (35.9%) more than the North Dakota's rate.





2002-03 TUITION AND REQUIRED FEES
RESIDENT GRADUATE

Doctoral Universities

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	7 year change
NORTH DAKOTA	$2,679	$2,832	$2,990	$3,131	$3,259	$3,477	$3,802	41.9%
+(-) prev yr-$		$153	$158	$141	$128	$218	$325	
+(-) prev yr-%		5.7%	5.6%	4.7%	4.1%	6.7%	9.3%	
Colorado	3,602	3,693	3,822	3,920	4,014	4,217	4,480	24.4%
Iowa	3,110	3,242	3,368	3,520	3,750	4,108	4,887	57.1%
Kansas	2,676	2,767	2,448	2,496	2,661	2,819	3,252	21.5%
Minnesota	5,150	5,454	5,611	5,517	5,794	6,547	7,662	48.8%
Missouri	4,132	4,284	4,439	4,580	4,728	4,885	5,497	33.0%
Montana	2,520	2,636	2,839	3,025	3,128	3,433	3,884	54.1%
Nebraska	2,373	2,537	2,766	2,940	3,090	3,351	3,730	57.2%
Oklahoma	1,885	2,081	2,148	2,272	2,390	2,466	2,649	40.5%
South Dakota	2,425	2,443	2,592	2,767	2,925	3,075	3,255	34.2%
Wisconsin	4,373	4,690	4,926	5,403	5,884	6,358	6,877	57.3%
Wyoming	2,591	2,812	2,816	2,920	3,117	3,386	3,585	38.4%
Regional Average	3,167	3,331	3,434	3,578	3,771	4,059	4,523	42.8%
+(-) prev yr-$		164	103	144	193	288	464	
+(-) prev yr-%		5.2%	3.1%	4.2%	5.4%	7.6%	11.4%	
National Average	3,788	3,984	4,126	4,256	4,494	4,760	5,166	36.4%
+(-) prev yr-$		196	142	130	238	266	406	
+(-) prev yr-%		5.2%	3.6%	3.2%	5.6%	5.9%	8.5%	

Source: Washington State Higher Education Coordinating Board, 2002-03 Tuition and Fee Rates, A National Comparison.

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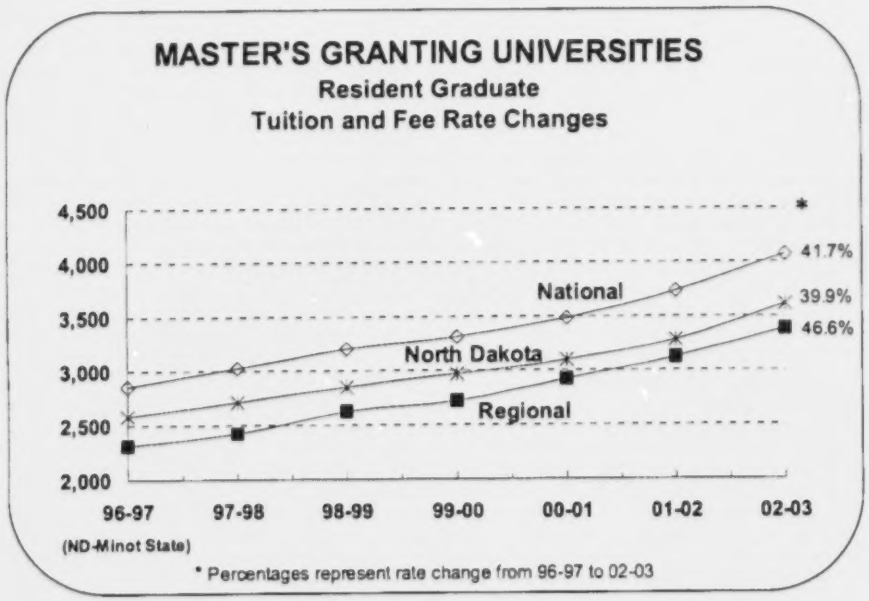
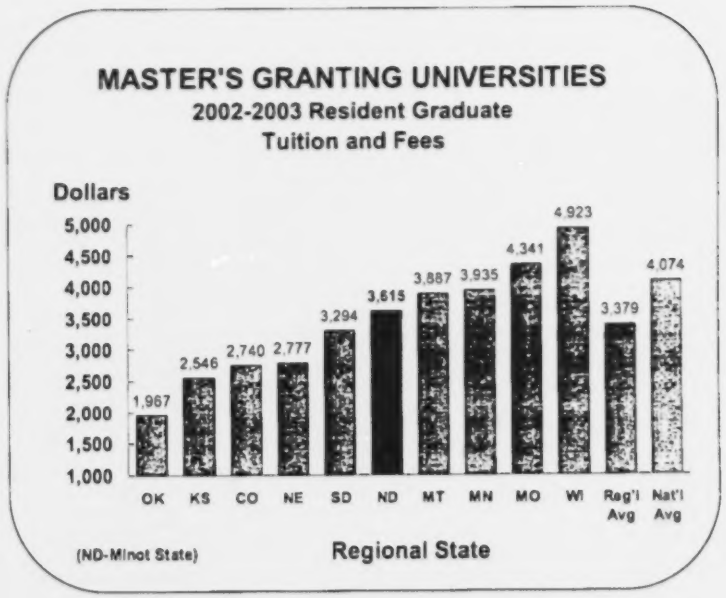
Master's-Granting Universities:

North Dakota residents attending Minot State University during 2002-2003 paid $236, or 7.0% more than the regional average rate of $3,379 for graduate programs.

Minot State University's 2002-2003 graduate charge is less than the national average. The national average tuition and fee rate is $4,074 or $459 (12.7%) more than North Dakota's rate of $3,615.





2002-03 TUITION AND REQUIRED FEES
RESIDENT GRADUATE

Master's-Granting Univ.

	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	7 year change
NORTH DAKOTA	$2,584	$2,715	$2,853	$2,971	$3,095	$3,274	$3,615	39.9%
+(-) prev yr-$		$131	$138	$118	$124	$179	$341	
+(-) prev yr-%		5.1%	5.1%	4.1%	4.2%	5.8%	10.4%	
Colorado	2,239	2,265	2,364	2,408	2,512	2,618	2,740	22.4%
Iowa			No Comparatives					
Kansas	2,155	2,268	2,332	2,378	2,307	2,372	2,546	18.1%
Minnesota	2,615	2,639	2,980	3,131	3,281	3,617	3,935	50.5%
Missouri	2,944	3,141	3,281	3,503	3,699	3,923	4,341	47.5%
Montana	2,115	2,213	2,445	2,687	3,006	3,370	3,887	83.8%
Nebraska	1,748	1,839	1,970	2,116	2,290	2,495	2,777	58.9%
Oklahoma	1,408	1,539	1,548	1,637	1,680	1,817	1,967	39.7%
South Dakota	2,287	2,359	2,529	2,708	2,985	3,066	3,294	44.0%
Wisconsin	3,239	3,487	3,672	3,937	4,235	4,555	4,923	52.0%
Wyoming			No Comparatives					
Regional Average	2,306	2,417	2,569	2,723	2,888	3,093	3,379	46.6%
+(-) prev yr-$		111	152	154	166	205	286	
+(-) prev yr-%		4.8%	6.3%	6.0%	6.1%	7.1%	9.2%	
National Average 1/	2,876	3,005	3,165	3,303	3,475	3,732	4,074	41.7%
+(-) prev yr-$		129	160	138	172	257	342	
+(-) prev yr-%		4.5%	5.3%	4.4%	5.2%	7.4%	9.2%	

1/ National average is combined average of master's-granting institutions and 4-year regional colleges.

Source: Washington State Higher Education Coordinating Board, 2002-03 Tuition and Fee Rates, A National Comparison

RESIDENT VERSUS NON-RESIDENT TUITION AND FEES

The North Dakota University System charges non-resident students 2.67 times the resident tuition rate, plus fees. For academic year 2002-2003, the average non-resident undergraduate charge at UND and NDSU was $8,476. Based upon 2001-03 revised enrollment estimates, this is almost 2.0 times more than the average state general fund adjusted appropriation (excluding plant improvements and major capital projects) per student for the NDUS during the 2001-2003 biennium of $4,284.

As the table on page 19 illustrates, the ratio of non-resident to resident tuition and fees varies greatly by state. At the doctoral universities, the ratio of 2.36 at UND and NDSU is lower than the regional average ratio of 3.06 and is also slightly lower than the national average of 2.83. The average ratio of non-resident to resident rates, at all other four-year and two-year campuses in North Dakota of 2.13 - 2.40, is lower than the national average for similar types of institutions, of 2.58 – 2.72, and also slightly lower than the regional average of 2.39 – 2.53.

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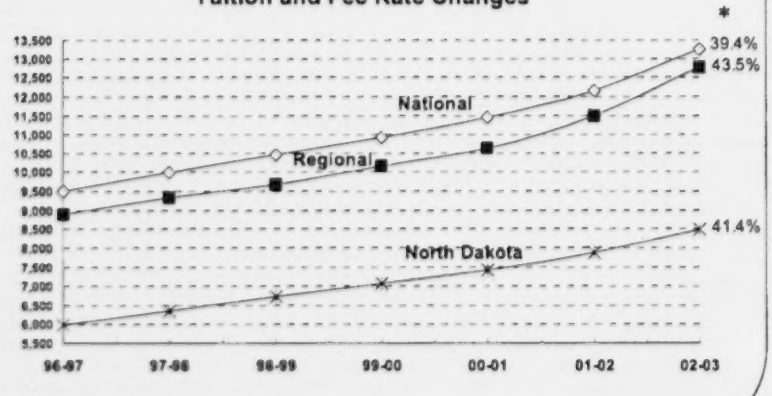
DOCTORAL UNIVERSITIES

Non-Resident Undergraduate
Tuition and Fee Rate Changes



(ND-UND and NDSU)

* Percentages represent rate change from 96-97 to 02-03

MASTER'S GRANTING UNIVERSITIES

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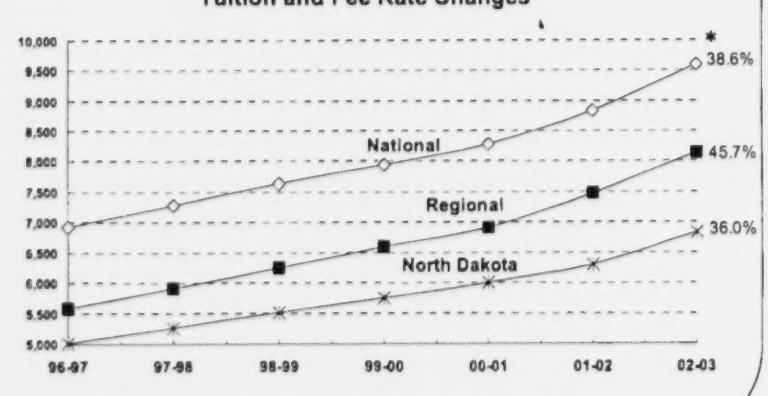

(ND-Minot State)

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4-YEAR REGIONAL COLLEGES

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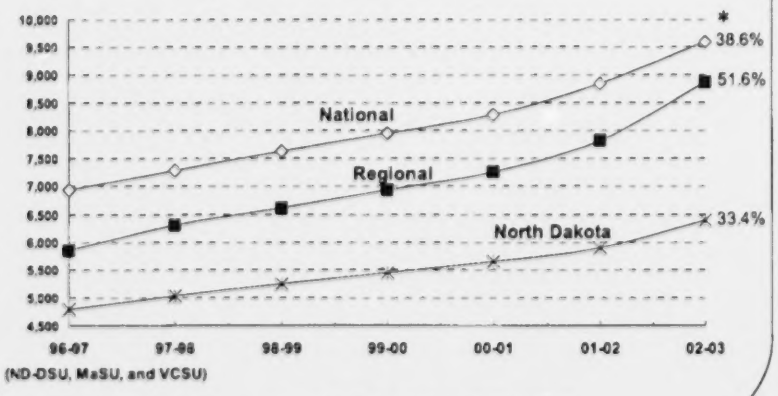

(ND-DSU, MaSU, and VCSU)

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2-YEAR COLLEGES

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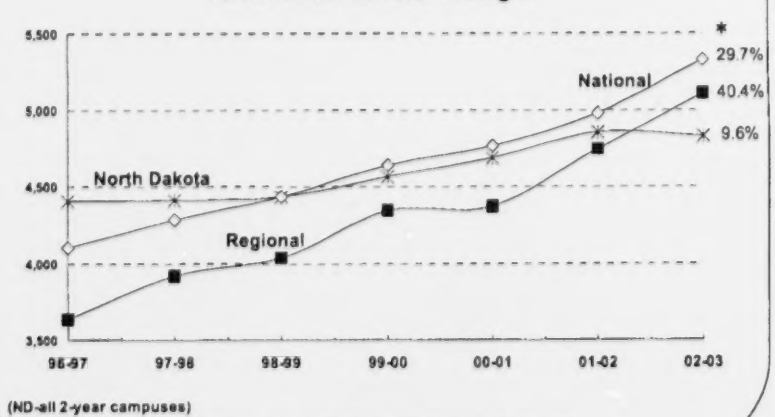

(ND-all 2-year campuses)

* Percentages represent rate change from 96-97 to 02-03

COMPARISON OF UNDERGRADUATE TUITION AND FEES
2002-03 RESIDENT VS. NON-RESIDENT

	Doctoral Universities			Master's-Granting Universities			4-year Regional Colleges			2-year Colleges		
	Resident	Non-Res	02-03 Ratio	Resident	Non-Res	02-03 Ratio	Resident	Non-Res	02-03 Ratio	Resident	Non-Res	02-03 Ratio
Colorado	$3,566	$18,910	5.30	$2,384	$7,424	3.11	$2,588	$9,613	3.71	$2,117	$8,702	4.11
Iowa	4,191	13,833	3.30	No comparatives			No comparatives			2,670	3,999	1.50
Kansas	3,484	10,687	3.07	2,431	7,717	3.17	No comparatives			1,554	2,624	1.69
Minnesota	6,280	16,854	2.68	3,970	6,781	1.71	No comparatives			3,049	5,253	1.72
Missouri	5,552	14,705	2.65	4,228	7,661	1.81	3,975	7,488	1.88	2,437	3,500	1.44
Montana	4,176	11,171	2.68	3,973	10,555	2.66	3,440	10,083	2.93	1,891	5,447	2.88
Nebraska	4,125	10,718	2.60	3,199	5,760	1.80	No comparatives			1,536	1,840	1.20
Oklahoma	3,206	8,355	2.61	2,390	5,543	2.32	No comparatives			1,613	4,019	2.49
South Dakota	3,872	8,122	2.10	3,931	8,180	2.08	4,042	8,292	2.05	No comparatives		
Wisconsin	4,423	18,423	4.17	3,598	13,644	3.79	No comparatives			2,902	11,602	4.00
Wyoming	2,997	8,661	2.89	No comparatives			No comparatives			1,575	4,023	2.55
NORTH DAKOTA	3,584	8,476	2.36	2,845	6,826	2.40	2,721	6,398	2.35	2,263	4,826	2.13
Regional Average	4,170	12,767	3.06	3,345	8,141	2.43	3,511	8,869	2.53	2,134	5,101	2.39
National Average	4,675	13,250	2.83	3,718	9,594	2.58	3,718	9,594	2.58	1,957	5,326	2.72

ROOM AND BOARD RATES

Doctoral Universities:

Regional room and board rates, for academic year 2002-2003, range from a high of $4,790 at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln to a low of $3,320 per year at the University of South Dakota. **The average room and board charge at UND and NDSU for 2002-2003 is $3,894, the second lowest rate of the five campuses included in the comparison. The average rate charge at UND and NDSU is $389 or 9.1% less than the regional average charge at the doctoral universities of $4,283.**

Master's Granting Universities:

Minot State University's 2002-2003 room and board charge of $3,069 is substantially less than their counterparts' rates in Minnesota and Montana, and comparable to South Dakota. **Minot State's rate is $613 or 16.7% less than the regional average rate of $3,682.**

Four-Year Regional Colleges:

The average room and board rate of $3,140 at Mayville, Dickinson, and Valley City State Universities is also significantly less than rates in the surrounding states. **Their average room and board rate is $391 or 11.1% less than the regional average of $3,531 at the four-year regional colleges in North Dakota.**

2002-03 Annual Room and Board Resident Undergraduate Rates
Regional Comparison

State/Campus	Room/Board Plan	Region Annual Cost	ND Average Annual Cost	ND Compared to Region	
				Amount	Percent
Doctoral Universities:					
Nebraska:					
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	dbl/14 meals	$4,790	$3,894	($895)	-18.7%
South Dakota:					
University of South Dakota	dbl/15 meals	3,320	3,894	574	17.3%
Wyoming:					
University of Wyoming	dbl/15 meals	4,740	3,894	(845)	-17.8%
REGIONAL AVERAGE		4,283	3,894	(389)	-9.1%
North Dakota:					
University of North Dakota	dbl/14 meals	3,933			
North Dakota State University	dbl/15 meals	3,855			
ND Average		*3,894*			
Master's-Granting Univ.					
Minnesota:					
State University System (Average)	dbl/14-19 meals	$4,529	$3,069	($1,460)	-32.2%
Montana:					
Montana State University-Billings	dbl/15 meals	3,980	3,069	(911)	-22.9%
South Dakota:					
South Dakota State University	dbl/15 meals	3,373	3,069	(304)	-9.0%
Northern State University	dbl/15 meals	2,847	3,069	222	7.8%
REGIONAL AVERAGE		3,682	3,069	(613)	-16.7%
North Dakota:					
Minot State University	dbl/15 meals	*3,069*			
4-Year Regional Colleges					
Montana:					
University of MT-Western	dbl/14 meals	$4,040	$3,140	($900)	-22.3%
South Dakota:					
Dakota State University	dbl/15 meals	3,022	3,140	118	3.9%
REGIONAL AVERAGE		3,531	3,140	(391)	-11.1%
North Dakota:					
Dickinson State University	dbl/15 meals	3,040			
Mayville State University	dbl/14 meals	3,250			
Valley City State University	dbl/15 meals	3,130			
ND Average		*3,140*			

NOTES:
1. Regional room and board charges were taken from the "Student Costs at Public Institutions, Academic Year 2002-03, A Regional Survey," published by the SD Board of Regents.
2. Room and board rates for 2-year institutions were not included in the survey.

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2002-2003 TOTAL ANNUAL RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE CHARGES
(Includes Tuition, Fees, Room and Board)

Doctoral Universities:

The total average cost of tuition, fees, room and board for a North Dakota resident attending either UND or NDSU during academic year 2002-2003 is $7,478. **The average rate charged at UND and NDSU is $631 or 7.8% less than the average regional rate of $8,109.**

Master's-Granting Universities:

Total charges for tuition, fees, room and board, at Minot State University, for academic year 2002-2003, are $5,914. **Minot State's total charges are considerably less than rates in the surrounding states. In fact, Minot State's rate is $1,871 or 24.0% less than the regional average of $7,785.**

Four-Year Regional Colleges:

The average cost of attending one of North Dakota's three four-year regional colleges, in 2002-2003, is $5,861 per year for tuition, fees, room and board. **The average rate charged at the four-year regional colleges in North Dakota is $1,447 or 19.8% less than the regional average of $7,308.**

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2002-03 ANNUAL TOTAL RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE CHARGES
REGIONAL COMPARISON
(Includes Tuition, Fees, Room and Board Charges)

State/Campus	Regional Rates			North Dakota Average Rate			Total Charges	
	Room and Board	Tuition and Fees	Total Charges	Room and Board	Tuition and Fees	Total Charges	ND Compared to Region Amount	ND Compared to Region Percent
Doctoral Universities:								
Nebraska:								
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	$4,790	$4,348	$9,138	$3,894	$3,584	$7,478	($1,660)	-18.2%
South Dakota:								
University of South Dakota	$3,320	$4,131	$7,451	$3,894	$3,584	$7,478	$27	0.4%
Wyoming:								
University of Wyoming	$4,740	$2,997	$7,737	$3,894	$3,584	$7,478	($259)	-3.3%
REGIONAL AVERAGE	$4,283	$3,825	$8,109	$3,894	$3,584	$7,478	($631)	-7.8%
North Dakota:								
University of North Dakota	$3,933	$3,662	$7,595					
North Dakota State University	3,855	3,506	7,361					
ND Average	*3,894*	*3,584*	*7,478*					
Master's-Granting Univ.								
Minnesota:								
State University System (Average)	$4,529	$4,216	$8,745	$3,069	$2,845	$5,914	($2,831)	-32.4%
Montana:								
Montana State University-Billings	$3,980	$3,973	$7,953	$3,069	$2,845	$5,914	($2,039)	-25.6%
South Dakota:								
South Dakota State University	$3,373	$4,088	$7,461	$3,069	$2,845	$5,914	($1,547)	-20.7%
Northern State University	$2,847	$4,133	$6,980	$3,069	$2,845	$5,914	($1,066)	-15.3%
REGIONAL AVERAGE	$3,682	$4,103	$7,785	$3,069	$2,845	$5,914	($1,871)	-24.0%
North Dakota:								
Minot State University	$3,069	$2,845	$5,914					
4-Year Regional Colleges								
Montana:								
University of MT-Western	$4,040	$3,241	$7,281	$3,140	$2,721	$5,861	($1,420)	-19.5%
South Dakota:								
Dakota State University	$3,022	$4,312	$7,334	$3,140	$2,721	$5,861	($1,473)	-20.1%
REGIONAL AVERAGE	$3,531	$3,777	$7,308	$3,140	$2,721	$5,861	($1,447)	-19.8%
North Dakota:								
Dickinson State University	$3,040	$2,798	$5,838					
Mayville State University 1/	3,250	2,679	5,929					
Valley City State University 1/	3,130	2,686	5,816					
ND Average	*3,140*	*2,721*	*5,861*					

1/ The amounts listed for tuition and fees at MaSU ($2,679) & VCSU ($2,686) do not include $854 for MaSU and $902 for VCSU notebook computer fee that is charged to all students. With this fee, total charges would be $6,783 at MaSU and $6,718 at VCSU.

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APPENDIX A
REGIONAL REPORTING INSTITUTIONS USED IN TUITION AND FEE ANALYSIS

DOCTORATE GRANTING	ACADEMIC YEARS REPORTED
Colorado:	
University of Colorado-Boulder	1988/1989-2002/2003
Colorado State University	1988/1989-1993/1994
University of Northern Colorado	1988/1989-1993/1994
Iowa:	
University of Iowa	1988/1989-2002/2003
University of Northern Iowa	1988/1989-1993/1994
Iowa State University	1988/1989-1993/1994
Kansas:	
University of Kansas - Lawrence	1988/1989-2002/2003
Wichita State University	1988/1989-1993/1994
Kansas State University	1988/1989-1993/1994
Minnesota:	
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities	1988/1989-2002/2003
Missouri:	
University of Missouri-Columbia	1988/1989-2002/2003
Montana:	
University of Montana-Missoula	1988/1989-2002/2003
Nebraska:	
University of Nebraska - Lincoln	1988/1989-2002/2003
Oklahoma:	
University of Oklahoma - Norman	1988/1989-2002/2003
Oklahoma State University	1988/1989-1993/1994
Northeastern State University	1988/1989-1993/1994

DOCTORATE GRANTING	ACADEMIC YEARS REPORTED
South Dakota:	
University of South Dakota	1988/1989-2002/2003
Wisconsin:	
University of Wisconsin - Madison	1988/1989-2002/2003
Wyoming:	
University of Wyoming	1988/1989-2002/2003
North Dakota:	
University of North Dakota	1988/1989-2002/2003
North Dakota State University	1992/1993-2002/2003
MASTER'S GRANTING	
Colorado:	
Adams State College	1988/1989-2002/2003
Iowa:	
No comparatives	
Kansas:	
Fort Hays State University	1988/1989-2002/2003
Pittsburg State University	1988/1989-2002/2003
Emporia State University	1988/1989-1998/1999
Minnesota:	
State University System Comprehensive	1988/1989-2002/2003
Missouri:	
Central Missouri State University	1988/1989-2002/2003
Northeast Missouri State University	1988/1989-1999/2000
Southwest Missouri State University	1988/1989-2002/2003
Truman State University	2000/2001-2002/2003

MASTER'S GRANTING	ACADEMIC YEARS REPORTED
Montana:	
Montana State University - Billings (formerly Eastern Montana College)	1988/1989-2002/2003
Nebraska:	
University of Nebraska - Kearney* (formerly Kearney State College)	1988/1989-2002/2003
Wayne State College*	1988/1989-2002/2003
*Previously reported as 4-year regional colleges.	
Oklahoma:	
East Central University	1988/1989-2002/2003
Northwestern Oklahoma State University	1988/1989-2002/2003
Southeastern Oklahoma State University	1988/1989-2002/2003
Southwestern Oklahoma State University	1988/1989-2002/2003
University of Central Oklahoma	1988/1989-2002/2003
South Dakota:	
Black Hills State University	1988/1989-2002/2003
Wisconsin:	
University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire	1988/1989-2002/2003
University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh	1988/1989-2002/2003
University of Wisconsin - River Falls	1988/1989-2002/2003
University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point	1988/1989-2002/2003
University of Wisconsin - Superior	1993/1994-2002/2003
University of Wisconsin - Green Bay	1993/1994-2002/2003
Wyoming:	
No comparatives	
North Dakota:	
Minot State University	1988/1989-2002/2003
4-YEAR REGIONAL COLLEGES	
Colorado:	
Fort Lewis State College	1988/1989-2002/2003
Metropolitan State College of Denver	1988/1989-2002/2003
Western State College of Colorado	1988/1989-2002/2003

4-YEAR REGIONAL COLLEGES	ACADEMIC YEARS REPORTED
Iowa:	
No comparatives	
Kansas:	
No comparatives	
Minnesota:	
No comparatives	
Missouri:	
Missouri Southern State College	1988/1989-2002/2003
Missouri Western State College	1988/1989-2002/2003
Montana:	
Western Montana College	1988/1989-1999/2000
University of Montana	2000/2001-2002/2003
Nebraska:	
No comparatives	
Oklahoma:	
No comparatives	
South Dakota:	
Dakota State University	1988/1989-2002/2003
Wisconsin:	
No comparatives	
Wyoming:	
No comparatives	
North Dakota:	
Dickinson State University	1988/1989-2002/2003
Mayville State University	1988/1989-2002/2003
Valley City State University	1988/1989-2002/2003

2-YEAR COLLEGES	ACADEMIC YEARS REPORTED
Colorado	1988/1989-2002/2003
Iowa	1988/1989-2002/2003
Kansas	1988/1989-2002/2003
Minnesota	1988/1989-2002/2003
Missouri	1988/1989-2002/2003
Montana	1988/1989-2002/2003
Nebraska	1988/1989-2002/2003
Oklahoma	1988/1989-2002/2003
South Dakota	No comparatives
Wisconsin	1988/1989-2002/2003
Wyoming	1988/1989-2002/2003
North Dakota	1988/1989-2002/2003

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